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Applicants: KINO et al

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING AMINO ACIDS BY FERMENTATION

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 24, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for producing an amino acid, which comprises:
- (a) culturing a microorganism having an ability to produce an amino acid selected from the group consisting of L-alanine, L-valine, L-leucine, L-isoleucine, L-methionine, L-phenylalanine, L-proline, glycine, L-serine, L-threonine, L-cysteine, L-tyrosine, L-asparagine, L-glutamine, L-lysine, L-histidine, L-arginine, L-aspartic acid and L-glutamic acid and having resistance to an aminoquinoline derivative selected from the group consisting of chloroquine, amodiaquine, pentaquine, primaquine and the alkali metal salts of these compounds at 150 mg/l in a culture medium;
- (b) producing and accumulating the amino acid in the culture medium; and
- (c) recovering the amino acid from the culture medium.